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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Tom W. Davis Manager Yuma County Water Users' Association P.O. Box 5775 Yuma, AZ 85366-5775

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion – Yuma County

Water Users' Association (Association)

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the Association's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the Association with notice of my determination regarding the Association's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Water rights for lands within the Association are based on water right certificates which provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the Association, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 360,400 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the Association's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 242,377 AF.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the Association's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Stacy L. Wade

**Acting Regional Director** 

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